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1. EMBASSY PASSED ON TALKING POINTS BASED ON REFTEL (ON ALL SUGGESTED ISSUES EXCEPT KOREA, COMMON FUND AND DEBT) TO ANTHONY ADVOKAAT, ACTING DIRECTOR OF UN POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ON SEPTEMBER 11. STATEMENT OF US POSITIONS SHOULD PROVIDE CANADIAN SIDE WITH USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR BILATERAL TALKS WITH US DELEGATION WHICH ADVOKAAT INDICATED WERE SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, IN NEW YORK. ADVOKAAT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US PRESENTATION, BUT SUGGESTED THAT, IN CANADIAN VIEW, PLANNED DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK REPRESENTED MOST USEFUL VENUE FOR DETAILED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON UNGA PROSPECTS.

2. EMBOFF DID DISCUSS UNGA HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WITH ALAN ROWE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, UN HUMANITARIAN AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, EXTAF, ON SEPTEMBER 14, FOLLOWING
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UP CONVERSATIONS REPORTED OTTAWA 4392 AND 4186. ROWE SAID CANADA ATTACHES HIGH IMPORTANCE TO REINFORCING SECRETARY GENERAL'S HUMAN RIGHTS ROLE AND STRENGTHENING BUREAU'S RESPONSIBILITIES, POSSIBLY BY FINDING WAY FOR IT TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY BETWEEN SESSIONS; HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PLANNED US EFFORTS IN THIS AREA WILL BE USEFUL IN BRINGING THIS DEBATE TO A HEAD. HE CONFIRMED CANADIAN

POSITION IS SAME AS US ON GIVING EQUAL PRIORITY TO ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RIGHTS. ROWE FELT RESUMED HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SESSION COULD BE USEFUL TACTIC FOR EXHAUSTING POLITICAL POSTURING IN FIRST MEETING AND CONCENTRATING SQUARELY ON SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS AFTER RESUMPTION. ROWE ALSO MENTIONED EVIDENT HIGH COMMUNIST ANXIETY OVER COSTA RICAN PROPOSAL ON HIGH COMMISSIONER, NOTING THAT CANADIANS HAVE NOW BEEN OBJECT OF TWO EAST EUROPEAN DEMARCHES ON THIS SUBJECT. WE ASSUME SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING IN NEW YORK WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER EXCHANGE OF US AND CANADIAN VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. ENDERS

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